

## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of Oil and Gas Department of Natural Resources 402 West Washington St. Suite 293 Indianapolis, In 46204

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Alan Melcer USEPA Region 5 WD-17-J 77 West Jackson Chicago. II 60606

Dear Mr. Melcer,

I am forwarding a request from Indiana Gas Company, for an aquifer exemption in White County, Indiana.

The divisions Technical Section staff has reviewed the information provided. We believe that the request meets the guidelines for exemption established in 40 CFR Part 146 because:

- 1. It is hydrocarbon producing; or:
- 2. The TDS content of the fluid in the proposed injection formation is greater than 3,000 mg/l, or:
- 3. It is situated at a depth or location which makes recovery of water for drinking water purposes economically of technologically impracticable.

Since either of these criteria is sufficient to establish exemption, the Division of Oil and Gas recommends that the exemption be granted.

Respectfully

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cc: Indiana Gas Co.

Att: Keith Keppel

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